

Ladies and Gents,

"...all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened." Genesis 7-11
Let me just say it rained! We stayed as long as we could but when the caretakers starting pulling in the flags we knew we had to go. Fortunately, the rain had slowed to an average shower and as we headed out with our rain gear on it slowed to a sprinkle. We took 24 over to 6 and at this point the rain had stopped so we found a Lawson to take off our rain gear. To make the ride official we also got some ICE CREAM, soft serve don't ya know!

With the rain appearing to be over we took another look at the map and decided to check out route 181 going north to 104. This turned out to be a really good road, very similar to route 40 going over Mt. Hakado, but was in really bad condition. The downpour was so severe that any dirt or stone road that emptied onto the road from a higher elevation covered the road with dirt, mud and stones. Both of nearly dropped our bikes driving through it. Nearly. For future reference the best way to drive this road would be north to south as the north end is much steeper and more twisted than the southern end.

As we pulled onto 104 the rain started up again, gradually at first but eventually into a solid downpour. We pulled to the side of the road under some trees so Gramps could put on raingear and I needed to go to a clear visor because it was to dark for my liking. That's when I found my new 2000 yen was turning into a sponge. We headed back with the rain unrelenting. I felt the water getting into my boots from where my pants were tucked in and my shirt was slowly getting soaked so I untucked it to keep water from getting else where. Riding in the rain, even on a warm day isn't much fun.

We took 104 to 4 then took the usual route back once we went through Gonohe. In a rare turnaround it had actually stopped raining at Misawa. I hit reserve just outside of town so tomorrow the new tank is going on. Also if anyone wants a copy of my GPS tracks let me know. You'll need software that reads Garmin files.

Gramps, it was a great ride!

The Numbers:

Miles Traveled: 199.17 (McDonalds to my home)

Moving time: 6 hrs 7 Minutes

Moving Speed Average: 32.5 (lots of reasons)

Max elevation: 2636 feet

Total Assent 12427 Feet

Mike "Gnat" Underwood

Koushin's Cruiserz MC Misawa Chapter Secretary

'98 Suzuki Bandit GSF1200S

Maroon (the fast color!)

Krazy Ed 2" mod with jetted carbs

K&N Filter

Hole Shot Slip-on

Hole Shot 5* Timing Advance

Dyno'd 120 rwhp

GSXR Rear shock

Progressive fork springs

Bridgestone O10's

Galfer steel braided Brake lines

Corbin Gunfighter & Lady seat

Pro Gel Grips

Garmin Etrex Vista GPS

RAM mount for GPS

Joe Rocket magnetic Tank Bag

Nelson Rigg Deluxe Saddle bags

Endless Smiles!